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How waterbody reclaimed itself as govt buildings constructed on encroached lakebed flooded in recent heavy rain

WAY OF WATER

Chikka Anekal Lake spread over 42 acres

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> **“First, a small ground and then slowly a park and stadium were erected. Further, an office of the horticulture department came up**
>
> — Captain Santhosh Kumar, Anekal Environmental Protection Federation

It was some years ago when government buildings came up on the Chikka Anekal Lake spread over 42 acres. The recent heavy rains, however, saw the lost waterbody reclaiming itself when the office buildings on the lakebed were almost submerged.

As per the KTCDA Act (Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority Act), once an area is notified as a lake, it's considered a lake at all times.

Furthermore, the recent downpour that led to waterlogging at many parts of Bengaluru backed up claims made by lake activists. The situation at Chikka Anekal Lake is a case in point.

The rain filled up the spaces surrounding the buildings and submerged the playground on the lakebed completely. All of a sudden, the horticulture department office, the Anekal stadium and the playground resembled odd structures in the middle of a lake.

According to land records - RTC (Records of Rights,Tenancy and Crops) documents - it is

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Quick Fixer

Thanks to upcoming Global Investors Meet, civic body shall fix water seepage at railway underpass

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At long last, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to resolve the nauseating water seepage problem at the railway underpass on Palace Road. The BBMP has engaged a civil contractor to fix the issue for good.

Water seepage at the railway underpass has been a nuisance for the motorists, especially two-wheeler riders for years on end. With the underpass at a lower level than the roads in three directions (the stretch from the flyover near BDA, the stretch from Mount Carmel College and the stretch from 1st Main of Vasanth Nagar), water seepage occurs whenever it rains heavily.

"Though it was not difficult to commute on this road, water seepage has been a nuisance for me. I expected the BBMP to fix

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4 THINGS TO DO

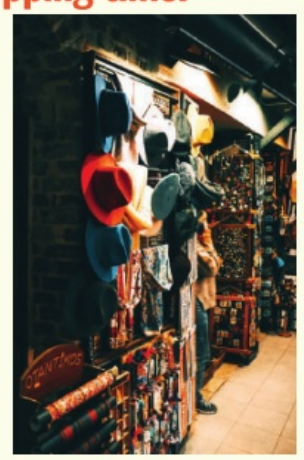
01 The laughter train!

Looking for a fun night full of good company and great jokes, then this is the event for you. Somanth Pandey, Gautam Govindhan and many others will be performing live.
When: Till Nov 6
Where: Tilt bar republic
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

02 Spookfest

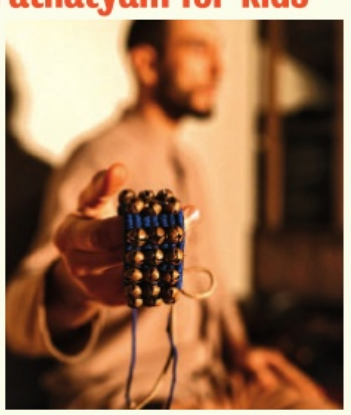
With Halloween around the corner, give your little ones a perfect spooky night. All the ghosts and goblins are on the move where are you?
When: October 29; Where: online;
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

03 It's shopping time!



"Mehfil" is a celebration through fun, flea, food, and music capturing contemporary art and culture in India and the world. Visit to have a fun day full of shopping, food and much more.
When: November 26
Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

04 Bharatnatyam for kids



Wondering if your kid might have what it takes to be a dancer? This workshop is the best way of finding out.
When: Till October 30
Where: Zoom
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

It's time for Deepawali shopping!

The streets of KR Market were flooded with enthusiastic shoppers ready to bag all those festive goodies

PIC: KAUSHIK JN

It's a special Deepawali for these kids this year

Children of prisoners serving life sentence at Kalaburagi prison got early festive presents of green crackers from volunteers of Socare India

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The volunteers brought books, pens, diyas and green crackers to celebrate an early Diwali with the children at Hegganahalli

It was a special Diwali for students studying at Hegganahalli in Bengaluru. There are around 84 students and most of them are those who could not celebrate the festival with their parents as they are serving life sentences at Kalaburagi prison. These students who are in the age group of 7-19 years have been missing many festivals and special occasions for many years.

On Saturday and Sunday, these students had an early Deepawali, thanks to a few Bengalureans who decided to make it a special day.

Arvind Dwarakanath, a techie said, "I really felt bad as these students are unable to celebrate the festival as they are missing their family. So, we a group of friends decided to become their family for a few days and celebrate the festival at Socare India. We went with Diyas and green crackers. All the students were eagerly waiting for us and joined us in lighting them. Their faces lit up as we lit those diyas. It was really a worthwhile way to celebrate the festival."

Some also are doing their part in funding their education.

Shiva Kumar Devan, another techie said, "We have been doing our bit in funding their education. Most of the students are really bright and want to make a name for themselves. All they want is support from people and we just enjoyed the student's company."

Ashwini Krishnan, a homemaker and a rangoli teacher said, "It is usually gifting time during Deepawali. So, we asked the students what gift they expected from us. The student said that they didn't want anything but would accept it if we could give them pens, books and water bottles. So, as part of Jayarudra Foundation, we collected money and gifted the students. When many students of their age want gizmos and toys, these students want books to study. This really moved us. Hence we decided to provide them with a gift as well. More than the students enjoying themselves, we definitely enjoyed their company."

Volunteers say that these kids are away from their parents for no fault of theirs.

> **"As a parent, we want to be with our kids, especially during festivals. Imagine the plight of children forced to stay away from their parents for no fault of theirs**
> – Shalini, a volunteer

Shalini, another volunteer said, "As a parent, we feel that we want to be with our kids, especially for festivals. Imagine the plight of these students who are forced to stay away for no fault of theirs. We are glad that Socare is providing a home and education. However, it is also the duty of people to support these students. When we show our support, it will definitely boost their morale. If we look at the kids' faces, we could make out that these kids had the never-give-up attitude and had the strong willpower to excel in their education."

Subhodh, another volunteer said, "Many times, we waste money on things which could be avoided. Instead, there are many students in the city like these who require financial support. So, instead of splurging on money, we need to get together to make someone's life happy."

Enjoy fireworks, stay safe & green

Experts warn of serious health and environmental threats of crackers and fireworks

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Cracker shops are witnessing great footfall this year

Incidents of injuries reported already in city; experts warn of high pollution levels and suggest precautions

With the festival of Deepawali around the corner, the celebrations have already begun in full swing. However, several firecracker-related accidents have occurred along with the festivities.

Recently, two people were injured by firecrackers in the city. One of them, an eight-year-old boy has sustained grievous injuries and has suffered vision drop with corneal abrasion and severe burns. Another bystander also sustained a few injuries.

Experts have warned that the use of firecrackers can lead to serious consequences for health.

Dr Gunasekhar Vuppalapati, Senior aesthetic and reconstructive plastic surgeon, GVG Invivo Hospital, told Bangalore Mirror that in present times when pollution is at an all-time high more and more patients require to undergo special treatments like oxygen chambers and many more to keep their health on track. With more pollutants being added to the air during Deepawali, oxygen level depreciates further and patients with skin care issues are at equal risk of suffering aggravation as those suffering respiratory issues.

"Firecrackers can lead to severe burns on the skin. If it hits the eye, the first thing that comes in contact is either cornea or sclera. In case of the cornea being affected, it could lead to vision loss and has to be addressed immediately," he explained.

Other major harmful effects can be thermal burns and inhalation. Inhalation can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning which can be fatal as well, Dr Vuppalapati explained. Mostly, people working in factories and godowns for crackers are the most vulnerable to carbon monoxide poisoning.

According to Dr Jagadish Hiremath, Chairman at AASRA Hospitals, the quantity of particulate matter in the air increases due to crackers bursting every year during Deepawali. Especially components of chemicals in firecrackers such as copper that get mixed in the air trigger respiratory issues. Hence it is important that people with respiratory issues wear N95 masks while stepping out of the home, have an inhaler in hand, and stay hydrated at all times to keep their respiratory issues from aggravating.

This year, the pollution control board of Karnataka has issued guidelines for the bursting crackers giving a two-hour window, between 8 pm and 10 pm to residents. The directions are in line with orders from the Supreme Court and aim to keep the air quality of the city and sound levels in line.

However, people have been bursting crackers earlier than the suggested time even before the festival has even begun.

Health experts say that the authorities should increase surveillance on a mass level to control any casualties due to fireworks.

"On a larger level, they should regulate the manufacturing and distribution of firecrackers. The housing societies should also make sure that a proper place is assigned to the people for Deepawali celebrations," Dr Vuppalapati added.

The KSPCB order also added that only green crackers will be allowed and crackers that add to noise pollution are banned. However, green crackers can be equally damaging if not used carefully, experts said.

Asthma cases rise in city

Doctors have warned patients suffering from asthma and respiratory diseases to take proper precautions as the smoke emitted from crackers might worsen their conditions.

Doctors have pointed out that since weather is changing, the city is already witnessing a spike in asthma and other respiratory disease cases. "Firecrackers produce pollutants which when inhaled by patients suffering from asthma and other respiratory diseases worsen their condition and cause allergy of eyes and nose and affect respiratory tract," said a pulmonologist from the city. He said that people should know how much amount of harmful particulate matter (PM2.5) gets mixed in the air while bursting different kinds of firecrackers.

Shashi Kumar M, a general physician said, "A few people have been reporting continuous sneezing and uneasiness from Sunday itself as many have started bursting crackers. For example, a small snake tablet produces 64,500 micrograms per cubic metre of air, which burns in just nine seconds. The other light emitting crackers produce particulate matter which gets mixed in the air. The crackers not only cause air pollution but also it affects global warming, causes noise pollution, produces garbage, and sometimes causes fire incidents." —BMB

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Another deadline for city of broken roads

Up to 80 per cent of potholes are to be filled by end of this month, says BBMP

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Residents seem to lack faith in BBMP's commitment owing to the various other missed deadlines

After facing a lot of flack from citizens about the poor condition of roads and potholes in the city, BBMP has come up with a new deadline to fix the issues. They said that the severe rains have hampered their work.

The residents have been complaining about the potholes for a very long time calling the roads death traps. The increased number of accidents further infuriated the people. BS Prahlad, Chief Engineer (Road and infrastructure), BBMP, told Bangalore Mirror, "This year we had more than 150 days of rain already, starting from May it has been raining leaving a gap of few weeks. Now again we have got a dry spell this week.

It is very important to fill up the potholes within a short time, so we have roped in four agencies to simultaneously work on the potholes. So, this is one of the major steps we have taken, and we have already issued them the work orders. So, every day there will be several potholes being filled. Since yesterday only the rains have given us respite and we have already started the work. Work is being done even on holidays."

He added that the contractors have also been sensitized and informed to carry on with their work during the holidays and festivals. However, even though contractors are sensitized, an issue with the labourers will still exist as they would want to go to their native place during the festivals. Five people have been engaged to do the work despite all those problems.

"Up to 80 per cent of the potholes, we will be able to cover up by the end of this month only. If at all the weather remains the same, I assure you that by November 5, one round of filling the potholes will be completed," added BS Prahlad.

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> –BS Prahlad, BBMP Chief Engineer

The commuters however are wary about the promises of the BBMP authorities.

Rajeev M, a resident of Rajajinagar, said, "The road here has been like this for more time than I can even remember. A few days ago, a lady also fell down because of the potholes and lost her life. Rains will keep coming, but that should not be an excuse for the authorities to not complete their work."

Some commuters even say that with Diwali season approaching, the labourers will return to their native place and the work will get delayed.

Shivanna K, another resident of Kengeri, said, "Going by previous claims of BBMP it is hard to believe that they will finish the work within the given date because once the labourers have gone back to their native place to celebrate festivals, they will take time to come back."

VV Puram Police station gets a fresh coat of paint

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Policemen of VV Puram Police Station can concentrate on duty without worrying about seeping water whenever it rains. If the ongoing painting work is any indication, working at the police station will be pleasant as the damp walls are set to look good.

All these years, most of the walls of VV Puram Police Station were damp due to seepage of water. Many plants were seen growing on the roof and around the windows of the police station due to a lack of maintenance. Bangalore Mirror recently reported on how water seepage in rundown VV Puram Police Station has worsened the plight of police personnel, especially during rain. The police station building also accommodates Chickpet Traffic Police Station. "We have been suffering a lot due to water seepage and damp walls and lack of other facilities all these years.

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Building houses office of assistant commissioner

BM's report on the poor condition of VV Puram Police Station with weeds growing out of roof

Now, I am very happy to see the police station being painted. I have to thank the police inspector for taking measures to ensure the police station building is clean and neat," said a head police constable.

The police head constable said the Chickpet Traffic Police is also functioning from VV Puram Police Station as the police department demolished the Chickpet Traffic Police Station building to construct a new building. "I have to thank our inspector for taking measures to beautify the police station building. I am very happy to see all the long-pending problems are fixed," said a police constable pleading anonymity.

The repair and painting work will be completed in a few days at VV Puram Police Station

Meanwhile, VV Puram Police Inspector has said the ongoing painting and other repair works would be completed in a few days.

"Arrangements are being made to have separate rooms for women police constables. Almirahs will be provided to all the police working at the station," said the Police Inspector.

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Pothole-laden road
Seshadripuram

The road at No 6, Girls School Street, Seshadripuram, Opposite Seshadripuram Composite college is full of potholes. It is causing inconvenience to pedestrians and commuters. This has been the condition for the last six months.

Green road
Uttarahalli Road

A tarred road has been cut to plant trees opposite to New Brigade Apartment which is being constructed at Padmanabhanagar (Uttarahalli Road).

Another sinking road
Bannerghatta Road

A newly built road caved in opposite Devarachikkanahalli Bus Stand, DC Halli Road near Bannerghatta Road.

Transplant rejection: Just 8% of trees transferred out of Metro's way made it

Experts slam poor success rate, say transfer of unsuitable trees or those with high girth size reason for bad show

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Between April and June 2022, the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) translocated 205 trees to make way for various metro projects across the city. However, out of the 205 trees translocated, only 17 trees are healthy and growing. While 172 trees are completely dried and dead, 16 are partially dried already, throwing up an abysmal success rate of 8%.

These figures have been highlighted in the quarterly progress report prepared by the Karnataka Forest Department on the translocation of trees by BMRCL in the given period carried out at seven locations in the city – Benniganahalli tank bund area, KR Puram Metro station, Lowery Memorial School premises, Kadugodi depot, Biotechnology Centre in Hulimavu, Corps of Military Police and School Premises and Devika Rani estate on Kanakapura Road.

Notably, BMRCL has given the responsibility of translocation to two agencies who have reportedly been following the guidelines given by the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), GKVK, which were given a go-ahead by the High Court. The report also states that soil amendment of NPK and micronutrients were made before translocation as per the recommendations by a six-member expert committee of the UAS.

However, ecologists and tree experts say, while tree translocation is a fairly new concept, a success rate of 8% (in this case) is a poor report card from every standard. Transferring tree species not suitable for translocation and moving trees with higher girth size are some of the reasons behind this poor show. The trees considered during translocation were in girth class 0.5 to 2 metre.

"While GKVK has given all the guidelines on translocation to BMRCL, they are hardly being followed. Translocation of overaged trees and species not suitable for the process is also happening. An entire list of species that are difficult to translocate was handed over to BMRCL. Our recommendations also say that trees with a girth up to 1.25-metre should only be considered for the process. But it appears that these recommendations were sidelined," said a member of the panel.

Sources said that while the methodology of translocation suggested by the committee warns about low survival chances of trees that are being extracted from the concrete, not much care is being taken.

> **"While GKVK has given all the guidelines on translocation to BMRCL, they are hardly being followed**

"If the root ball has to be extracted from a concrete area, it is likely the tree will not survive. Most of the trees that are being translocated for BMRCL projects have to be removed from the concrete area. This is the biggest reason behind the trees dying. The roots of the trees growing in concrete become toxic and such trees rarely overcome the stress of the process," said the member.

Lack of care

According to Dr TV Ramachandra, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), lack of post-translocation care can be yet another reason behind the low survival rate.

"There will be a success if these trees are nurtured well post-translocation. Constant attention is required for at least six months after the process. Who is monitoring these trees? We need to make BMRCL officials accountable and responsible for this failure," said Dr Ramachandra.

Experts say systematic research of transplantation success stories from across the country is the need of the hour for the survival rate to improve.

"A success rate of 8% is certainly worrisome. There are many success stories from other parts of the country and the Karnataka Forest Department should undertake systematic research to study these cases. A thorough translocation method has to be devised so that the survival rate can be improved," said Dattatraya Devare, trustee of Bengaluru Environment Trust.

A costly affair

While translocation is the last resort, it is an expensive exercise. According to the pact between BMRCL and plantation agencies, the work for the translocation of 233 trees at the seven locations was awarded at the total cost of Rs 55.36 lakh. As per the undertakings, while translocation of a tree up to and including a girth of 2.5 metres costs Rs 17,000, maintenance of each tree for 36 months cost Rs 7,000.

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Of 58 trees translocated by BMRCL, 44 perished raising concern over scientific expertise and post transplant care
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Only young, healthy softwoods, trees with less than 1 m girth qualify
If agencies involved in tree translocation claim the survival rate is 80% or 90%, they are bluffing

On Sep 18, BM had reported about a translocation project gone awry

Man hacked to death after wife beats her harassers with sandals

A man was hacked to death after his wife thrashed a group of men, who used to harass her, with her sandals in front of police here.

The deceased has been identified as 33-year-old Chandrashekar, a resident of Kondappa Layout near Yelahanka. According to police, Chandrashekar was hacked to death by miscreants when he was standing at the terrace of his house.

The incident happened late on Friday night. The preliminary investigations have revealed that the murder was committed to take revenge.

According to police, the deceased Chandrashekar hails from Pedihatti village in Hindupur of Andhra Pradesh. He was married to Shwetha, three and half years ago and came to Bengaluru six months ago. During her stay in Hindupur, Andhra Pradesh, Shwetha had lodged a complaint with the police for being harrassed by a group. After some elders intervened in the matter, peace was brokered between the miscreants and Shwetha in the presence of police. Shwetha was asked to hit the miscreants with sandals by the police. The couple had left the place after the incident and settled in Bengaluru.

It is suspected that the miscreants hacked her husband to death to take revenge for the earlier incident.

Suicide case

After three people died by suicide in HSR Layout early Friday, CK Baba, Deputy Commissioner of Police South-East division, said a probe has been launched.

It appears that Santosh, a businessman, had poured kerosene on his wife Omana and daughter and himself and set fire over some debt issues. —Agencies

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Tying the knot, in a noble backdrop

Man holds blood donation drive at venue for daughter's wedding

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It was a special wedding celebration at Basavanagar Main Road on Sunday. All the guests, decked up for the occasion were seen lining up to donate blood.

In an unique initiative to help create awareness amongst the public, a couple from Bengaluru held a blood donation drive during their wedding at Basavanagar in Marathahalli.

During the pandemic, blood donations were hit hard. Blood banks were getting empty and hospitals were not getting any donors, and patients who needed it were running helter skelter to find it. Now that things have gotten back to normalcy, the blood banks are slowly getting better with an increase in donations.

It is quite common to see blood banks tying up with corporates and schools to carry out blood donations, however carrying out blood donation at a wedding hall stands unique and could be the first such drive in the city.

The idea to hold a blood donation drive was initiated by Rajshekaran B, a contractor by profession and a resident of Marathahalli, who has been donating blood for the past 30 years. On his daughter Shradha's wedding day, he decided to have a blood donation campaign.

Rajshekaran said, "I have been donating blood for 30 years. There are patients who require blood on a daily basis and their families run around to find blood. If many people come forward to donate it, many blood banks could be full and help the needy. I have also been part of many blood donations camps. I wanted to create awareness amongst people to come forward to donate blood, so I thought it would be great to have the donation drive during my daughter's wedding, wherein many people could donate blood. Lions Blood Bank tied up with us and held the camp."

A mobile van was brought into the campus and the bloody donation drive was initiated. Many were surprised to see the mobile van in front of the wedding hall. While on a brighter side many people who came to attend the wedding willingly came forward to donate blood.

Alphonse Kurian from Lion Club of Bengaluru said, "It was a great event to host blood donation at a wedding function. This has never happened before and it was wonderful to see a lot of people who came forward to donate."

He added that since covid cases have come down, the blood camps have opened up. "In comparison to the last six months, the blood donations are running better now. Many companies too are now coming forward. A few days ago we had a blood donation drive and it is much better in a corporate company wherein we expected 100 units but we got 200 units. During the drives many people do not qualify on the hemoglobin level front and they can't donate, which reduces the donation. The youth are the main source of donation, so we are tying up with colleges. Students in colleges willingly donate and come forward with many friends to donate. "

Donation at govt schools: After flak, order withdrawn

Education Department of Karnataka on Saturday withdrew an order to collect Rs 100 as monthly donations from parents for the development and management of the government primary and high schools after facing criticism from political parties and parents.

On October 20, the Minister of School Education and Time, the Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) in Government Primary and High Schools, in its order, instructed the government primary and high schools to collect Rs 100 as a monthly donation from parents of each student for development work.

The Government of Karnataka issued a statement by the Department of Public Education stating that "the circular issued on 20-10-2022 regarding acceptance has been withdrawn with immediate effect."

Janata Dal (Secular) leader and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy slammed the Karnataka government for collecting money from the parents of school students. "This government has become bankrupt that is why reason they are collecting money shamelessly," said the JDS leader.

Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah claimed that the BJP wanted to loot the parents and all the previous programs announced by his government was stopped by the present BJP government and shamelessly this government is collecting money from the students for the development of the schools and the maintenance of the schools which is drastic. **ANI**

Quick fix ahead of investor meet

Work going on round the clock to fix water seepage

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this issue but they have been taking quite a long time to resolve this problem. I want them to fix the issue on a permanent basis," said Krishnamurthy S, a motorist.

The BBMP has beautified the surroundings of the underpass to ensure it is clean and tidy on the occasion of the forthcoming Global Investors Meet scheduled to be held from November 2-4 at the Palace Ground. Water seepage certainly may not be a beautiful sight for the delegates of the Global Investors Meet who pass through the railway underpass.

"What is the use of beautifying the underpass without fixing the main issue (water seepage)? I want the BBMP to do something to ensure cleanliness in the city during the Global Investors Meet that attracts delegates not only from other parts of the country but from foreign countries also," said Jagadeesh N, a motorist.

A small stretch of the Palace Road near the railway underpass was dug up a few days ago to strengthen it with concrete. Contractor Anand Pramod and workers were seen operating round the clock to fix the issue under the guidance of a BBMP engineer.

According to BBMP executive engineer Jayasimha of the traffic engineering cell, the civic body has decided to fix the water seepage issue on a permanent basis. "A stretch (leading towards Mount Carmel and Vasanth Nagar, 1st Main) is dug up and it will be fixed by Sunday evening. The stretch will be opened for traffic in three days. We will dig the stretch (towards the BDA flyover from Vasanth Nagar 1st Main and Mount Carmel College) after three days. We will take measures to ensure no water seepage in future," said Jayasimha.

When asked about the funds allocated for strengthening the road to fix the water seepage issue, the executive engineer said the work is part of the road maintenance.

Meanwhile, BBMP chief engineer Prahlad BS said measures have been taken to beautify some of the roads around Bangalore Palace on the occasion of the forthcoming Global Investors Meet. "I have directed the engineer and the contractor to drain the water accumulated near the railway underpass due to seepage. A small drain will be constructed to carry the accumulated water to the roadside drain," said Prahlad.

He noted that the BBMP has taken measures to beautify the medians with a variety of flowering plants. "Decorative street lights will be installed along Palace Road, Cunningham Road and other roads that lead to the Global Investors Meet," he said.

Lake comes back to life

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notified that the land as per survey no. 248 sprawling over 42 acres and 32 guntas is indeed the Chikka Anekal Lake. Located at the centre of the town, the lake was a major link to other lakes in the vicinity such as the Dodda Anekal Kere. In June 2021, the Anekal municipality issued a tender for the development of a park cum stadium, on five acres on the lakebed, for an estimated sum of Rs 69 lakh. The proposal was met with opposition from municipality members.

"As per all government documents, the lake has been notified. Despite objections and complaints, the municipal council sanctioned Rs 70 lakh and constructed a concrete road inside the lakebed. Around 25 acres of land has been unofficially used by officials since 2007," said Suresh, a municipality member told BM.

Residents of the area said rampant commercialisation pushed the demand for a playground and the lakeland was chosen for the project. Having blocked all the rajakaluves and the waterbody drying up over time, the lakebed was perceived to be ordinary land paving way for the construction of buildings.

Citing the KLCDA Act 2014, the revenue department issued a circular in 2021 asking waterbodies not to be used for any government or private purposes. It recommended strict action to be taken to protect such waterbodies.

In 2008, the Karnataka High Court acknowledged the lake, thought to be more than 100 years old. At the time, the HC was giving directions on a writ petition filed demanding the protection of the lake and the prevention of sewage ingress.

Now, after witnessing the drowning of the government offices, activists are calling for lake reclamation.

"Before lake activism gained ground, people were taking lakes for granted; waterbodies were used for soil drilling and dumping debris. First, a small ground came up, and then slowly a park and stadium were erected. Further, an office of the horticulture department came up. Almost 50% of the lake has been taken away by such buildings. We need to take immediate steps to reclaim the lake to ensure Anekal does not suffer from water shortage," said Captain Santhosh Kumar, of the Anekal Environmental Protection Federation (ATEPF).

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Pomegranates are a good source of many B-complex vitamins such as pantothenic acid (vitamin B-5), folates, pyridoxine and vitamin K

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Explaining the power of the bad reputation of number 13

The unlucky number

Would you think it weird if I refused to travel on Sundays that fall on the 22nd day of the month?

How about if I lobbied the homeowner association in my high-rise condo to skip the 22nd floor, jumping from the 21st to 23rd?

It's highly unusual to fear 22 – so, yes, it would be appropriate to see me as a bit odd. But what if, in just my country alone, more than 40 million people shared the same baseless aversion?

That's how many Americans admit it would bother them to stay on one particular floor in high-rise hotels: the 13th.

According to the Otis Elevator Co, for every building with a floor numbered "13," six other buildings pretend to not have one, skipping right to 14.

Many Westerners alter their behaviour on Friday the 13th. Of course bad things do sometimes happen on that date, but there's no evidence they do so disproportionately.

As a sociologist specialising in social psychology and group processes, I'm not so interested in individual fears and obsessions.

What fascinates me is when millions of people share the same misconception to the extent that it affects behaviour on a broad scale. Such is the power of 13.

Origins of the superstition

The source of 13's bad reputation – "triskaidekaphobia" – is murky and speculative. The historical explanation may be as simple as its chance juxtaposition with lucky 12.

Joe Nickell investigates paranormal claims for the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, a nonprofit that scientifically examines controversial and extraordinary claims.

He points out that 12 often represents "completeness": the number of months in the year, gods on Olympus, signs of the zodiac and apostles of Jesus. Thirteen contrasts with this sense of goodness and perfection.

The number 13 may be associated with some famous but undesirable dinner guests. In Norse mythology, the god Loki was 13th to arrive at a feast in Valhalla, where he tricked another attendee into killing the god Baldur.

In Christianity, Judas – the apostle who betrayed Jesus – was the 13th guest at the Last Supper.

But the truth is, socio-cultural processes can associate bad luck with any number.

When the conditions are favourable, a rumour or superstition generates its own social reality, snowballing like an urban legend as it rolls down the hill of time.

In Japan, 9 is unlucky, probably because it sounds similar to the Japanese word for "suffering." In Italy, it's 17.

In China, 4 sounds like "death" and is more actively avoided in everyday life than 13 is in Western culture – including a willingness to pay higher fees to avoid it in cellphone numbers.

And though 666 is considered lucky in China, many Christians around the world associate it with an evil beast described in the biblical Book of Revelation.

There is even a word for an intense fear of 666: hexakosioihexekontahexaphobia.

Social and psychological explanations

There are many kinds of specific phobias, and people hold them for a variety of psychological reasons. They can arise from direct negative experiences – fearing bees after being stung by one, for example.

Other risk factors for developing a phobia include being very young, having relatives with phobias, having a more sensitive personality and being exposed to others with phobias.

Part of 13's reputation may be connected to a feeling of unfamiliarity, or "felt sense of anomaly," as it is called in the psychological literature.

In everyday life, 13 is less common than 12. There's no 13th month, 13-inch ruler, or 13 o'clock.

By itself a sense of unfamiliarity won't cause a phobia, but psychological research shows that we favour what is familiar and disfavour what is not. This makes it easier to associate 13 with negative attributes.

People also may assign dark attributes to 13 for the same reason that many believe in "full moon effects." Beliefs that the full moon influences mental health, crime rates, accidents and other human calamities have been thoroughly debunked.

Still, when people are looking to confirm their beliefs, they are prone to infer connections between unrelated factors.

For example, having a car accident during a full moon, or on a Friday the 13th, makes the event seem all the more memorable and significant. Once locked in, such beliefs are very hard to shake.

Then there are the potent effects of social influences. It takes a village – or Twitter – to make fears coalesce around a particular harmless number.

The emergence of any superstition in a social group – fear of 13, walking under ladders, not stepping on a crack, knocking on wood, etc. – is not unlike the rise of a "meme."

Although now the term most often refers to widely shared online images, it was first introduced by biologist Richard Dawkins to help describe how an idea, innovation, fashion or other bit of information can diffuse through a population.

A meme, in his definition, is similar to a piece of genetic code: It reproduces itself as it is communicated among people, with the potential to mutate into alternative versions of itself.

The 13 meme is a simple bit of information associated with bad luck. It resonates with people for reasons given above, and then spreads throughout the culture.

Once acquired, this piece of pseudo-knowledge gives believers a sense of control over the evils associated with it.

False beliefs, true consequences

Groups concerned with public relations seem to feel the need to kowtow to popular superstitions. Perhaps owing to the near-tragic Apollo 13 mission, NASA stopped sequentially numbering space shuttle missions, dubbing the 13th shuttle flight STS-41-G.

In Belgium, complaints from superstitious passengers led Brussels Airlines to revamp its logo in 2006. It had been a "b"-like image made of 13 dots.

The airline added a 14th. Like many other airlines, its planes' row numbering skips 13.

Because superstitious beliefs are inherently false, they are as likely to do harm as good – consider health frauds, for example.

I'd like to believe influential organisations – perhaps even elevator companies – would do better to warn the public about the dangers of clinging to false beliefs than to continue legitimising them.

(By Barry Markovsky, University of South Carolina, The Conversation)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm 19 years old and I've recently started college. I met this guy back in June and now he's become my boyfriend.
I told my parents I had a boyfriend and they've refused to meet him. They also say they don't think I'm mentally ready for a relationship.
How do they know how I feel?
My mum has also stopped talking to me and my dad has told me to break up with the guy!
Why are they so angry that I've found someone I want to spend the rest of my life with? Why do you think they are so set against meeting him?

COLEEN SAYS

Because they're terrified you're too young to get serious about someone and have all these expectations for your future.
They're probably worried that you'll fall in love too young and get married or heartbroken – one or the other.
You're telling them you want to spend your life with this guy and you only met in June, so that's what's probably set the alarm bells ringing.
I'm sure in your mind that's how you feel – when you fall in love it's like a rom-com and everything is just wonderful.
But, honestly, if my daughter Ciara came to me at 19 and told me she'd met the guy she was going to be with for ever, I'd feel she was too young to be that serious, although I hope I wouldn't refuse to meet him or stop talking to her, which seems like an overreaction.
If this guy really is The One, why do you have to do everything now? Why not sit down with your parents and ask them why they're so angry.
And explain that while you feel he's the man of your dreams, you also realise you're young and it might not last forever, but that you'd still like them to meet him and see what a nice person he is.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Celebrity shows up at clean-up effort

Actor Vasishta goes extra mile after posters wishing him happy birthday were pasted on cleaned wall

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Sunday will remain special for volunteers of Youth for Parivarthan because they had the company of Sandalwood actor Vasishta N Simha with them to beautify a wall at Binnypet in Bengaluru West. The volunteers, along with Vasishta, repainted the wall after removing the posters pasted on it.

It may be recalled that the volunteers of Youth for Parivarthan had earlier spent seven hours beautifying the wall on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi three weeks ago. They were shocked when a few posters conveying birthday wishes to Vasishta were pasted on the wall. Bangalore Mirror published a story – Clean-up act ruined in seconds – on October 22 narrating how the volunteers spent their valuable time (seven hours) during the weekend to beautify the wall.

Bangalore Mirror
Clean-up act ruined in seconds
Volunteers spent seven hours beautifying wall to find posters of actor pasted next day

Bangalore Mirror had reported on October 22 about the posters being pasted on the wall

Sandalwood actor Vasishta N Simha was seen painting the wall along with Youth for Parivarthan volunteers on Sunday

They extended an invitation to Vasishta to take part in beautifying the wall. As per the schedule, the volunteers assembled on the spot on Sunday morning.

They were very happy when Vasishta arrived to the spot and took a brush to paint the wall.

"I visited the spot to paint the wall because I consider it a responsibility to encourage and support those doing good to society. I want my fans to organise functions or indulge in social work without causing inconvenience to people working to make Bengaluru beautiful," said Vasishta.

Appreciating Vasishta for visiting the spot and joining the volunteers to beautify the wall, Youth for Parivarthan founder and president Amith Amarnath said that volunteers of the group had expressed disappointment over defacing the wall that was beautified three weeks ago. "We expressed our disappointment through social media. Vasishta, after coming to know about his fans defacing the wall, expressed regret and assured us that he would visit the spot. He became a role model for his fans by joining hands with the volunteers to repaint the wall. With this gesture, he made it clear that it is our responsibility to beautify Bengaluru. We expect similar responses and gestures from all prominent people," said Amith Amaranth.

> **"I want my fans to organise functions or indulge in social work without causing any inconvenience**
>
> – Vasishta Simha

Not only volunteers of Youth for Parivarthan but also some activists have welcomed actor Vasishta's gesture and wanted to encourage and support those working for beautifying black spots in the city.

"I want to thank Vasishta for joining hands with the volunteers to remove the posters and repaint the wall. If the political leaders follow Vasishta or direct their followers to remove the posters pasted by them, Bengaluru will be free from wall poster menace," said Sai Datta, a social activist who filed a petition in the High Court against illegal wall poster, flexes and hoardings.

Dhananjay Padmanabhachar described Vasishta's gesture as a welcome move and encouragement for his fans. "Vasishta's gestures will encourage the volunteers too," said Dhananjay Padmanabhachar.

IN BRIEF

Gauri case: HC rejects default bail plea

The High Court of Karnataka has dismissed a petition filed by an accused in the journalist Gauri Lankesh murder case seeking 'default bail' by challenging a lower court order.

Hrishikesh Devdikar of Maharashtra was arrested in January 2020 and sent to judicial custody in connection with the case. Later, he filed an application for 'statutory/default bail' under Section 167(2) of Criminal Procedure Code in the Special court. However, his application was not considered by the court. So he approached the High Court. The accused's contention was that since it was a murder case, a charge sheet had to be filed within 90 days of his arrest. But no charge sheet was filed against him even on April 4, 2020, so he should automatically get bail as per Subsection (2) of Section 167 of CrPC. The government advocate argued that Devdikar was absconding and a charge sheet had already been filed in his absence.

On October 21, Justice Suraj Govindaraj rejected the plea stating that the charge sheet in the case was filed before this accused was arrested. So, he cannot seek the benefit of Subsection (2) of Section 167 of CrPc. "An accused would not be entitled to the benefit under Subsection (2) of Section 167, if charges sheet is filed before his arrest," the judge said. – PTI

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Just yatra things

At the Bharat Jodo Yatra, when Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was asked about which sunscreen he uses, he quipped that though his mother Sonia Gandhi has sent him a sunscreen, he has not used it yet. To this, a person in the interaction said she noticed Rahul's skin was tanned and the leader gave a hearty laugh. Ever since the yatra began, all eyes were on actress turned politician Ramya as she has been missing in action. Recently when journos asked her about her political move, Ramya said she was busy eating Davanagere Benne dose and could only speak about her love for dose and nothing else. However, on the last day of the yatra in the state, Ramya made a special appearance and KPCC president DK Shivakumar was so surprised that he gave her a friendly pat on her cheek and welcomed her.

Fear or respect

Are BJP leaders afraid of Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal? Yatnal is known for his ballistic attacks against his own party leaders. Recently, BJP in charge Arun Singh said Yatnal was a party leader. At a press conference, BJP general secretary CT Ravi was asked if he was not saying anything against Yatnal because he was scared of him, Ravi said it was not just fear, but respect too.

Chimney protest

There was tension at Raichur Thermal Power Station last week as one of the contract employees who was sacked from job started climbing a chimney. The worker identified as Suresh was sacked after he picked up a fight with seniors. Suresh wanted to be reinstated so he climbed up the chimney. The press was in full attendance and police had to be summoned to convince Suresh to get down.

Dance party

How often do you get to see a registrar dancing with students on a university campus? Karnatak University registrar Yashpal Kshirsagar was seen doing just that recently. The registrar wanted to celebrate with students the NAAC recognition for the varsity. The varsity has been ranked A grade and this was enough for the dance moves and even students had to admit that he is a good dancer.

'I don't care'

Mandya MP Sumalatha who is usually cool lost her cool recently when she realised that the NHAI project director Sridhar and his team were absent when she was inspecting villages along the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway. Sumalatha decided to take on the officer by putting her phone on speaker mode. Sumalatha asked, "Who is attending the meeting today? Is there any accountability for your department? Why can't you depute an officer. I wonder if you are playing games here. I have warned your department officials many times. This is inexcusable. Do you know how many are suffering because of this expressway? If something happens tomorrow, then I don't care." — Sridhar Vivan

King Kohli scripts a match made in heaven

Magical knock ensures India bags colossal four-wicket win over arch-rivals Pak

Virat Kohli celebrates after India's win during the ICC men's Twenty20 World Cup 2022 cricket match between India and Pakistan on Sunday

Virat Kohli, the long lost conqueror, sang a perfect redemption song on the grandest stage with a magical knock that engineered India's colossal four-wicket win over arch-rivals Pakistan at the MCG, packed with 90,000 boisterous fans, here on Sunday.

King Kohli, as his fans call him, conjured up a memorable unbeaten 82-run knock to anchor a chase of 160 which became tricky after India were left in tatters at 31 for 4.

The unlikely victory was scripted in the last over when fortunes of both teams waxed and waned until India, needing 16 to win, lost two wickets and yet was left with one run to score in the last ball. And that happened only because of a wide, three byes and a no-ball as it became as dramatic as it could.

Hardik Pandya, the most important cog in India's T20 wheel, struck 40 off 37 balls in a partnership of 113 for the fifth wicket.

Kohli's ability to win matches for India had come under the scanner due to a prolonged lean patch and with his knock he proved that he remains one of the best chasers in world cricket -- something that his captain Rohit Sharma acknowledged after the heart-stopping game.

"Well, it's a surreal atmosphere. I honestly have no words. I have no idea how that happened," Kohli said after his incredible knock.

"Hardik kept telling me, just believe we can stay till the end. I'm lost for words."

It started in the 19th over when Kohli smashed Haris Rauf for back-to-back sixes. Cricket indeed is a leveller as Rauf, after 22 splendid deliveries bowled two bad ones and it changed the complexion of the game.

Asked about those sixes, the former India skipper said, "It's just instinctively I saw it, told myself to stay still. The one at long-on was unexpected, it was a back-of-a-length slower ball. The fine leg one, I just threw my bat at it."

With 16 needed off last six balls, Pandya holed out to Babar off Mohammed Nawaz and with rule of crossover non existent, Dinesh Karthik faced his first delivery and took a single.

With 14 needed off three balls, Nawaz's juicy full-toss was dispatched for a six over square leg and it was called a no-ball after deliberation by on-field umpires.

Nawaz, the hero of Pakistan's Super 4 victory in the Asia Cup, by then had lost his nerves. Kohli was bowled off the no-ball but Kohli and Karthik ran three runs and equation became two from two.

Karthik was stumped by an alert Mohammed Rizwan in the penultimate ball, furthering adding to the last-over chaos and mayhem.

The unlikely victory was scripted in the last over when fortunes of both teams waxed and waned till the last ball

Ravichandran Ashwin was on strike and Nawaz bowled a wide. The scores were tied and Ashwin scored the most important boundary of his career in the final ball of the game to finish it of in style.

'Chak De India' reverberating around the MCG never sounded sweeter and Kohli seemed numb. He punched ground, took a long walk back, showed thumbs up to the crowd having restored India's supremacy at a global event.

But the script could have gone awry.

KL Rahul's struggles against extreme pace and his distinct lack of footwork, Rohit Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav getting out cheaply did upset the rhythm that was set by Pandya and Arshdeep when they restricted Pakistan to 159 for 8. In no time, India were 31 for 4 and Kohli and Pandya needed to consolidate for the next four overs without losing wicket.

Pandya and Kohli, both disciples of the peerless Mahendra Singh Dhoni understand the grammar of chasing in T20 cricket and how to pace the innings.

Only when leg-spinner Shadab Khan came into operation did Pandya chance his arm and sent him soaring into the stands.

In Nawaz's next over, Kohli gave him the same treatment while Pandya got his second six.

India needed 60 from last five overs but Rauf and Naseem gave only six runs each in the 16th and 17th over.

Earlier, Arshdeep bowled a dream first spell and Pandya displayed his true worth in the back-10 as India restricted Pakistan to a manageable 159 for eight.

If Arshdeep (3/32) removed skipper Babar Azam (0) and Rizwan (4) in his first two overs to set the tone, Pandya (3/30) rekindled memories of his Asia Cup heroics by consistently hitting hard lengths at brisk pace, letting the pitch do the rest.

Iftikhar Ahmed (51) was the only batter who looked like taking the attack back to India as the spinners Ashwin and Axar Patel (1/21) did struggle a bit and it was designated sixth bowler Pandya who finished his full quota.

Shan Masood (52) struck a half-century but never looked comfortable during his 42-ball knock. **PTI**

B'luru goes bonkers over nail-biter show

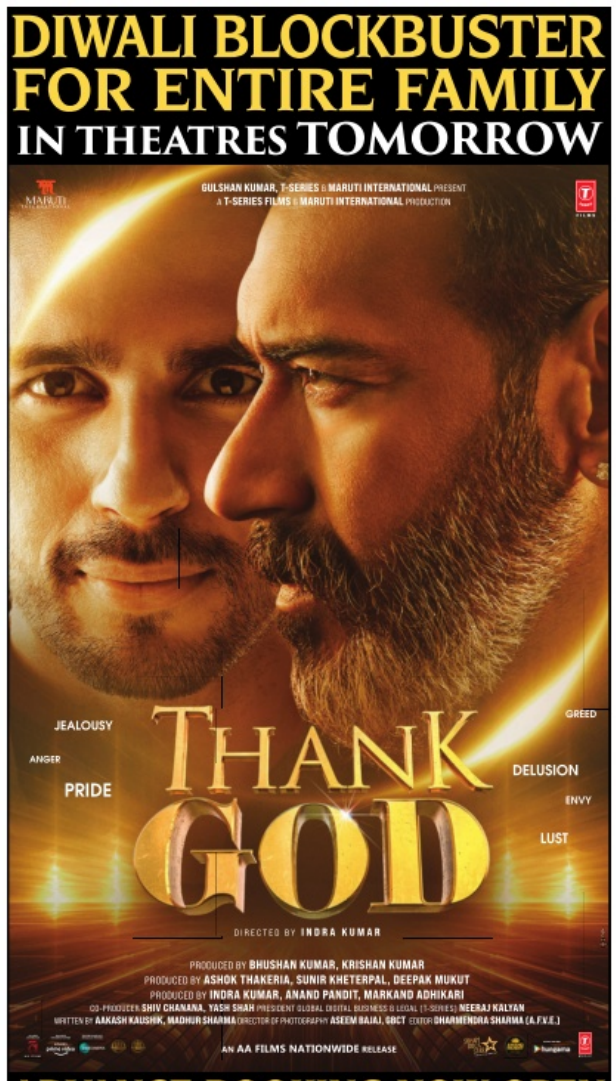
The enthralling match between India and Pakistan had Bengalureans glued to their TV sets. Some even changed travel plans to witness the magic unfold. But most who did so have no regrets as the staggering victory made it all worth it.

Most people BM spoke to said they did everything they could to stay at home to watch the match. Jijesh RG, a Nagasandra resident, said, "There was no way I would have missed this match. I have night shifts but still I woke up early to watch the match. I had told my family to keep the TV free for me during these hours. The match was worth it."

Some said that initially their hopes of a victory for India had tanked. Arvind Kumar, a resident of Rajajinagar, said, "I felt that India would not be able to win this match. It is only because of the amazing performance of all the players specially Virat Kohli that India was able to win this match. It was an absolute joy to watch this match. I had office today, but I called in sick and watched the match."

For the people, it was also a chance to get together with their friends. Paavas Nayak, a KR Puram resident, said, "My friends and I have a pact that we will watch all the India versus Pakistan matches together. This match gave us another chance to get together and relive the old days."

Many Bengalureans celebrated the victory of India over Pakistan as their own. As soon as the match got over many celebrated an early Deepawali by bursting crackers. **—Shreyashi Mukherjee**



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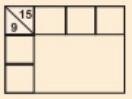
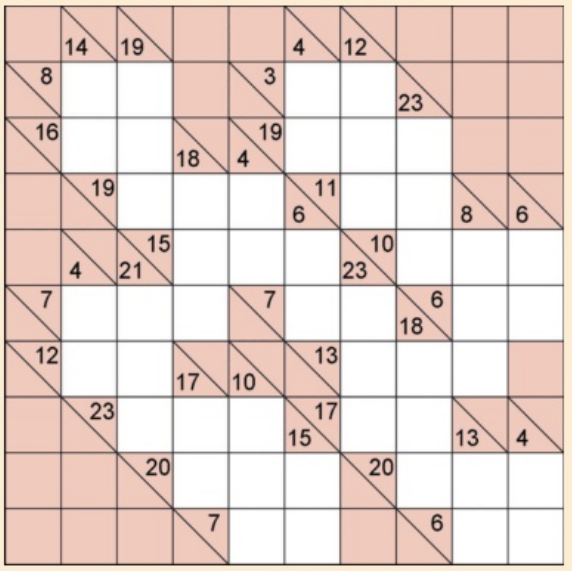
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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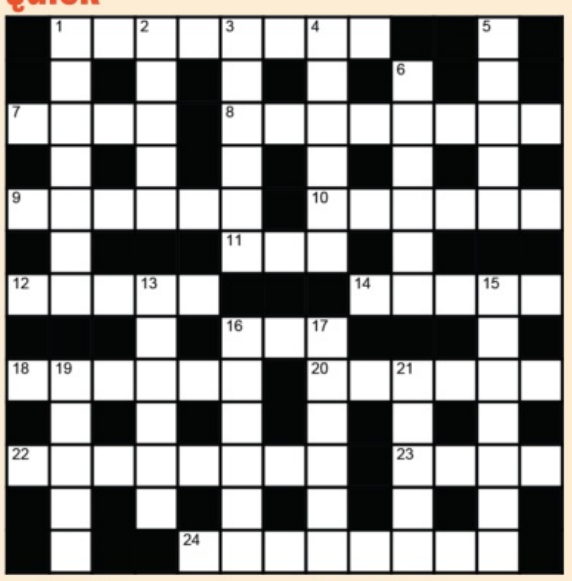


ACROSS

1 Roused to anger or indignation (2,2,4)
7 Brick erection (4)
8 Praises, entrusts or commits (8)
9 Sponsor or supporter (6)
10 Gatherings of witches (6)
11 Desmond's pet name? (3)
12 Foot lever (5)
14 A ship that has gone to the bottom of the sea (5)
16 His, hers or ___ (3)
18 Stratagem (6)
20 Sat on the fence (6)
22 Ludicrous; absurd (8)
23 Her basilica is located in Shivajinagar (4)
24 Rebuked, reproached or denounced (8)

DOWN

1 Ignorant (7)
2 Lazy person (5)
3 Climb (6)
4 Copies (6)
5 Land south of Egypt (5)
6 Dam building animal (6)
13 Connect (6)
15 Applauded (7)
16 A frozen taper (6)
17 Ammunition for artillery? (6)
19 Strike with shame? (5)
21 Dissent (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS G

FIDOMFS MZ QZ ZMAXPR QZ HR OIXR MD HMPP ER.

Linemaro

You are exactly what I have been looking for

Mindchow

Why are goods carried in a ship is called 'Cargo' while goods carried in a car are called 'Shipment'?

Joke of the day

Son prays to God: God, I have exams tomorrow and haven't studied. Can I have measles? Mom: Don't be silly son, God doesn't make rash promises

Loop

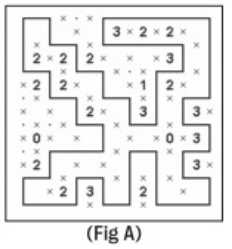
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

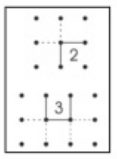
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

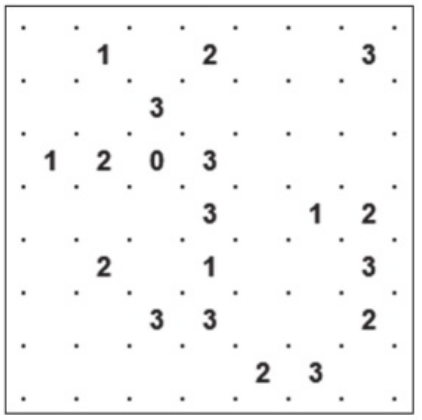
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



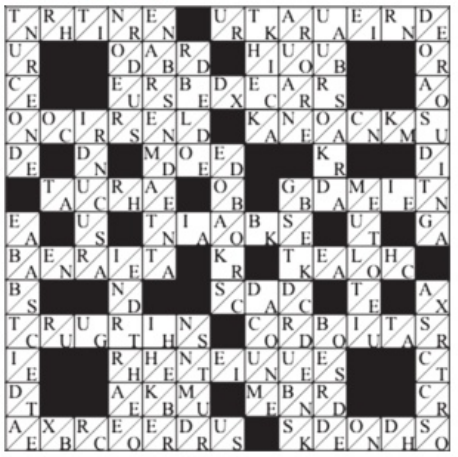
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



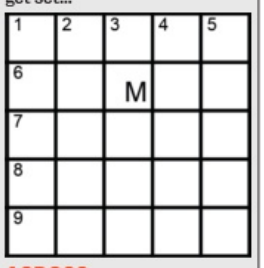
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 SS cad; 6 Comae; 7 Lou in; 8 Ousel; 9 Sperm

DOWN

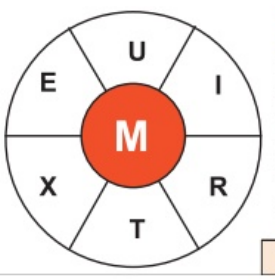
1 L cups; 2 Ocean; 3 Ma our; 4 Dimes; 5 Loess

Mensapuzzle

What is the difference between the average of the numbers above and the second lowest even number?

7 4 2 6 3 5 8 1 9

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 12 Good; 14 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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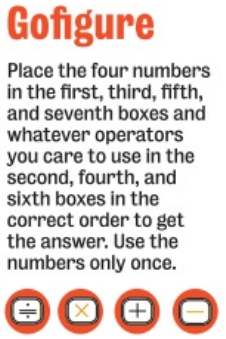
	2		9	5			3	
5						7		9
1		2			4			
		3		6		5		
			1			2		6
9		5						1
	3			2	5		9	
			3			4		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 22

4 8 9 9

Medium = 9

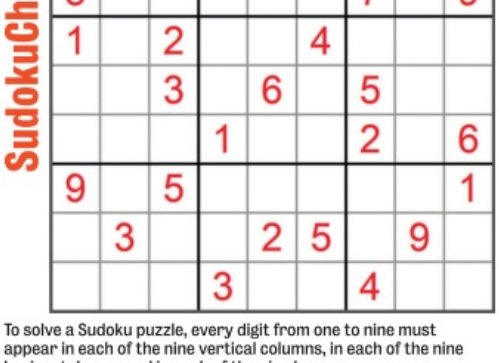
2 6 8 9

Hard = 13

2 5 9 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



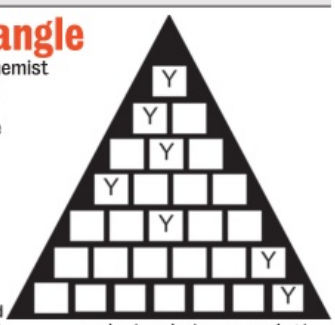
Differences: 1. Elevator door is not open as wide. 2. Purse is larger. 3. Tie is thinner. 4. Lapel is missing. 5. Elevator buttons are larger. 6. Arrow is moved.

Riddler

Which is the odd one out: coati, bandicoot, kinkajou, cacomistle?

Alpha triangle

1 Yttrium for the chemist
2 Old fashioned you
3 Affirmative
4 Ivy League college
5 Tier
6 Actually
7 Exhibit hall



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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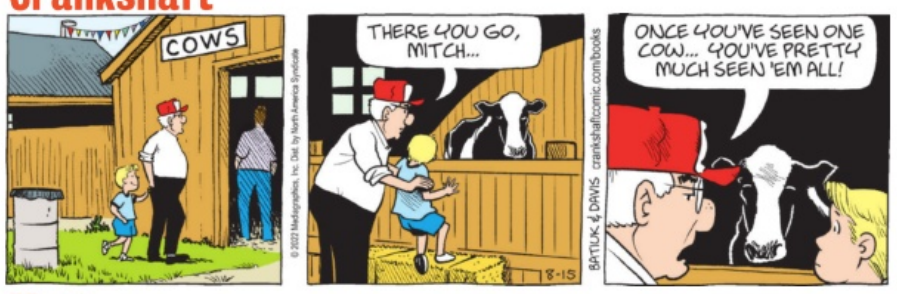
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft



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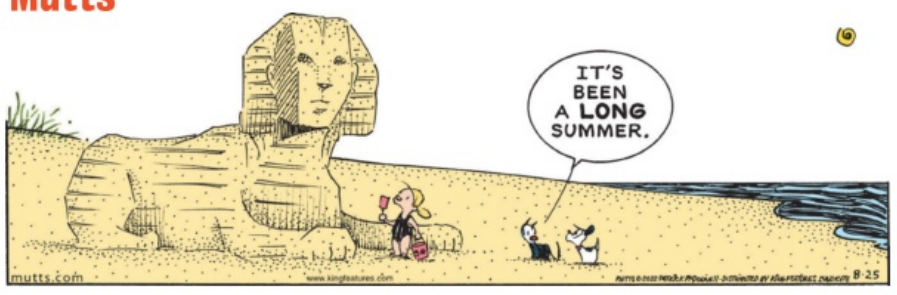

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be busy resolving some of your kids' issues, You may likely go for short trips in terms of kids' academics. You may be able to do a difficult task in an easy way. You may spend money on buying some artefacts or household stuff which will improve your lifestyle. You may also spend money on your friends and family members. Singles may find soulmates.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel dull and negative. It is advised to control your way of speaking as harsh words can create problems for you. You may likely deny any suggestion given by your well-wisher. But somehow by late evening, things may be under control.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon. Your self-esteem may help you avoid negative people around you. You may likely be more emotional about family-related issues. You may perform well at work and are likely to complete your task on time which may boost your confidence. Your inner self may help you to take difficult decisions in terms of business growth.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are blessed by the moon and you may be able to control spending over worthless stuff. You may likely meet some adviser or get some direction which may help to invest your savings. It may boost your financial health. You may find yourself more polite with others, which may increase your respect among people around you.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the moon may spread the blessing. You may be confident. You may enjoy your work which may speed up your current project. You may feel healthy. People around you will take help from you to solve their problems, which may increase your prestige in society.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today your moon is not in your favour. You may feel dull and may face some health issues which may affect your daily routine. Some of your friends betray you so keep an eye out. You may be confused about taking some decisions. It is advised that you should not take any financial decisions related to your business. Keep patience and avoid hurrying.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are blessed by the moon which may help you to take the right decision in making investments. Your past investments may give you profit as well. You may likely start working on a new project which will give you benefits in long term. You may increase your network to improve your social status.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy at work. Your focus towards your goal will get clearer which may help you to complete your task before the deadline. You may also enjoy your happy moments with the family. Singles may likely find a soulmate. You may plan to renovate your house or office which may enhance your status.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You are blessed by the moon with the help of elders' blessings and you may come out of last week's messy situation. With the help of destiny, you may observe some progress in life. Your spiritual power may help you to take the right decision. Your financial condition may be improved.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you will be a victim of negative thoughts. Impatient nature and arrogance will push you back from taking tough decisions. You will be in need of blessing of your elders which will help you to grow into your work front. Try avoiding making investments in dead assets. Love birds shall avoid discussing bad moments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You are blessed by the moon today and you may expect to hear some good news in terms of profession. Domestic life may be in full swing of joy. You are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics in the family issues. Students may be focused on their studies now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may perform well at work. Your seniors may give you some responsibility in terms of promotions. You may be in the winning position in some litigation. Your kid's health may be better now. You may likely meet with any investment consultant for the kids' future. You may be in control over your hidden enemies.

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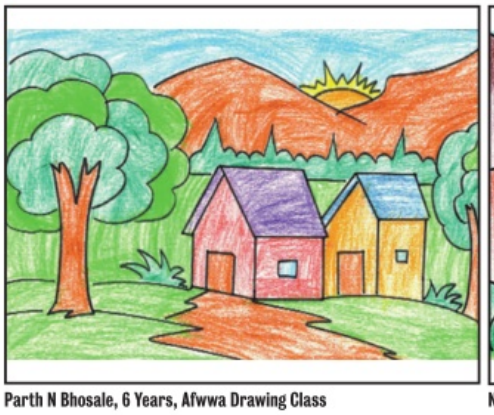

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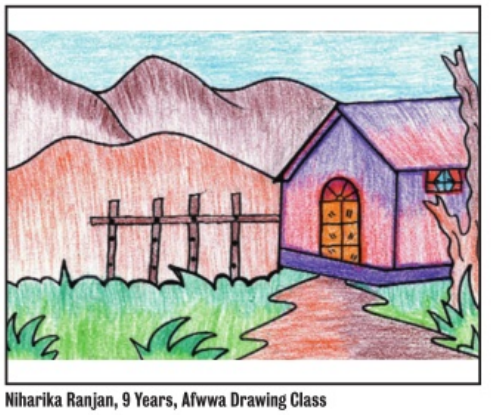

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
=(18(7)–4)+10
=18X3+10
=54+10 = 64^(1/2)
=8

BULL'S EYE
emit, emit, item, merit, mite, mite, mixer, MIXTURE, mute, remit, term, time, timer, trim

FAST FIVE

S	C	A	D	S
C	A	M	E	O
U	N	O	I	L
L	O	U	S	E
P	E	R	M	S

QUOTE UNCODE
Nothing is as simple as we hope it will be.

RIDDLER
Bandicoot a marsupial, others are in the raccoon family

STRIKE OUT

E	X	C	E	D	S		K	E	N	E	D	O		
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MENSA PUZZLE
1: average 45 ÷ 9 = 5;
second lowest even number = 4

SUDOKU

3	9	4	7	1	6	8	5	2
6	2	7	9	5	8	1	3	4
5	1	8	4	3	2	7	6	9
1	6	2	5	8	4	9	7	3
7	4	3	2	6	9	5	1	8
8	5	9	1	7	3	2	4	6
9	8	5	6	4	7	3	2	1
4	3	1	8	2	5	6	9	7
2	7	6	3	9	1	4	8	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
Y, Ye, Aye, Yale, Layer, Really, Gallery.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 4 + 9 + 8 = 22
Medium
9 – 8 + 2 + 6 = 9
Hard
3 + 5 / 2 + 9 = 13

LOOP

KAKURO

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Role model

When Malaika gave apt response to snide remarks on models

Birthday girl Malaika Arora is regarded as one of the finest dancers in Bollywood and has delivered a number of hit songs over the years. She came into limelight first appearing in Bally Sagoo's 'Gur Naalo Ishq Mitha' opposite Jas Arora after her screen debut with Ila Arun's 'Bichhuda'. There was a time when she had to face a lot for being a dancer, even from industry insiders.

When asked if models can act, Malaika made sure she didn't take it lying down

One incident that still etched in Malaika's heart is the question he was asked at Shekhar Suman's talk show once. She was still enjoying the success of 'Gur Naalo' and when she appeared in one of the episodes Shekhar Suman wanted to know whether she found it difficult to perform on screen since she came from a modeling background. Malaika wasn't impressed with the question and she promptly responded saying that models aren't dumb who can't perform on screen.

The question was asked while discussing Malaika's career trajectory as she moved from modeling to dance numbers Shekhar asked her in a light mood if she had to face any problem performing in music videos since models are..." Malaika stopped him in the midway and replied, "Sorry, we are not dumb." Then they both laughed over it. —ETimes

Greedy girl

Sonakshi Sinha is all set to engage her fans with her upcoming movie 'Double XL'. Directed by Satramm Ramani, the movie is a story of two plus-sized women Saira (played by Sonakshi) and Rajshree (played by Huma).

The trailer of the movie promises Sonakshi Sinha in a very different role. And talking about her selection of characters and movies after the lockdown, Sonakshi in her conversation with Pinkvilla said that she has turned greedier in choosing her roles.

The actress added she is and has always been very instinctive. She says yes to a movie only when she knows that she herself would like to enjoy it on the big screen. She said she functions from her heart and has to like or not like a movie to select it when she hears it.

However, the only thing that has changed now for her is that she has turned greedier in the type of roles she does. She wishes to do movies or roles that are challenging in any way; or something that is different from what she has done earlier. " —ETimes

Mind-boggling: Anushka gushes over hubby Virat

Bollywood actor Anushka Sharma, on Sunday, celebrated her husband Virat Kohli's splendid performance during India vs Pakistan match in the T20 World Cup, saying, "I have just watched the best match of my life."

The actor took to her Instagram handle and shared a series of pictures of Virat from the match.

Pouring her heart out in the caption, she wrote, "You beauty!! You freaking beauty!! You have brought sooooo much joy in peoples lives tonight and that too on the eve of Diwali! You are a wonderful wonderful man my love. Your grit, determination and belief is mind boggling!! I have just watched the best match of my life I can say and although our daughter is too small to understand why her mother was dancing around and screaming wildly in the room.""One day she will understand that her dad played his best innings that night which followed after a phase that was tough on him but he came out of it stronger and wiser than ever before! —ETimes

Jennifer 'reached out the most'

Just like their popular sitcom, "Friends" alum Matthew Perry says he is "grateful" to his co-stars, especially Jennifer Aniston, for 'being there' for him while he was struggling with addiction.

According to entertainment outlet The Hollywood Reporter, in a preview clip for his upcoming interview with Diane Sawyer, Perry said Aniston was in close contact with him throughout the tough time, which dated back to his mid-20s and early years on the NBC show.

"Jennifer, she says, 'We know you're drinking'," Sawyer told Perry in the clip.

Describing the moment as "scary", he said, "She (Aniston) was the one that reached out the most. You know, I'm really grateful to her for that."

The two-minute clip also touched upon other parts from their interview, which will be out on October 28, that shows how at one point he was taking 55 Vicodin, methadone, Xanax and drinking a full quarter of vodka in one day.

"I should have been the toast of the town, but I was in a dark room meeting with nothing but drug dealers and completely alone," Perry, who shot to international fame for his portrayal of the socially awkward Chandler Bing who used sarcasm to get by in life, told Sawyer.

Previously, the 53-year-old actor had opened up to People magazine" about how he thought being funny all the time would help him "get through".

"I thought ('Friends') was going to fix everything. It didn't," he had said.

Other than Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, David Schwimmer and Matt LeBlanc too were supportive, he said.

"They were understanding, and they were patient. It's like penguins. In nature, when one is sick, the other penguins surround it and prop it up. And that's kind of what the cast did for me," he had recalled. —PTI

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Sanjay Dutt redux

Good news for Sanjay Dutt's fans. Their favourite actor will soon be sharing screen space with Kannada actors. Dutt played Adheera in the recent box-office hit KGF 2. Now he is set to play a key role in KD in which Dhruva Sarja will play the lead.

Sanjay Dutt launched the teaser at a mall in the city. "It was a pleasure for me to work with actor Yash, director Prashanth Neel. Now, I am waiting to work with director Prem and actor Dhruv Sarja. I wish all the success to the team of KD," said Dutt. Dhruv Sarja was all praise for Dutt. "There is a lot to learn from Sanjay Dutt. I have seen his movie Kaante. I like the way he carries himself. We have to learn from him. KD will be my sixth movie and I consider the number 6 as my lucky number since I was born on October 6," said Dhruv Sarja.

Good decision!

Meet Kiran Talakadu, writer and producer of Kannada movie O, who will be donating money for the welfare of bright students from economically weaker families. "I am sure of my movie O's success at the box office. I want to donate 10 percent of the profit for the welfare of students from poor families and another 10 percent to give basic infrastructure at a government school. It is my promise and I will honour it," said Kiran at an event organised at Karnataka Chalanachitra Kalavidara Sangha on Saturday evening.

He said that he has prepared a unique plan to promote the movie. "The trailer of O that was released a few weeks ago did not receive a single dislike. I am confident that the song – rendered by Puneeth Rajkumar and Anuradha Bhat – will add value to this movie. I will launch a one million online programme," he said.

He also revealed he waited for long to get the right person to direct the film. "Mahesh Ammalidoddi is the third person to approach me to direct the film. We worked for eight months to finish the screenplay," he said.